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**Citrus County Art Teachers Make ART, a new exhibition opens at the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum**

Inverness...Florida, a new Art Show Opens on January 17 in the John Murray Davis rotating exhibition gallery area

In celebration of the creativity creations of art teachers from Citrus County the Museum is proud to present the first ever Citrus County Art Teachers Show, with a special exhibition opening to be held at the Museum on January 26, from 5 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The exhibition will be on view at the Museum from January 17 through February 17, 2012.

“The creativity of Citrus County’s art teachers is clearly evident in the works on view in this exhibition,” notes Kathy Turner Thompson, Citrus County Historical Resources Officer. “From abstraction to realism and three-dimensional assemblages, every possible approach is explored in the vibrant works on view.”

With a vast array of original works of art from over 20 art teachers on display, participating teachers in this art exhibition include Diana Baize of Citrus Springs Elementary School, Jinny Brew from Crest School, David Brown, from Lecanto High School, Cecily Buck of Central Ridge Elementary, Jack Calbeck, Lecanto High School, Cory Collins at Lecanto Primary School; D.J. Collins, Floral City Elementary; Brenda Dalton, Lecanto Middle School, Sheri DeCesare, Citrus Springs Elementary, Jennifer Faust, Crystal River Middle School, Keith Gum, Polly Hilgert, Bonnie Ignico, Rock Crusher Elementary, Karol Kusmaul, retired Citrus County art teacher, Debbie Ledsome, elementary art teacher, Jack Lester, Lecanto High School, Joy Livingston, at Inverness Middle School, Lee Partin, College of Central Florida, Connie Phillips, at Lecanto High School, Candacie Schrader, Crystal River High School, Michele Wirt, Associate Professor of Art and Humanities, College of Central Florida, and Jinnie Zuniga, at Forest Ridge Elementary. These art professionals in Citrus County bring over 375 years of experience to our county.

## **Exhibition Opening**

Visitors will have the opportunity to meet the Citrus County School District's most talented art teachers and professors at the exhibition opening. The evening reception will include refreshments, as well as the opportunity to meet and greet this very special group of professional artists. Admission to the Museum is free and donations are always generously accepted.

## **Our Mission Statement**

***The Old Courthouse Heritage Museum is dedicated to the active collection and presentation of the diverse cultural and natural heritage of Citrus County and adjacent areas.***

Visitors of all ages have explored the area's fascinating past at the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum in the central west Gulf coast area of Florida. Experience the people, places, and events that shaped the region...Spanish Conquistadors, Seminole Indians, Cracker cowmen and pioneers, citrus growers, and Tin Can tourists.

For 12,000 years explorers have made history in the subtropical paradise of the region. The Old Courthouse Heritage Museum invites you to learn about their story in a dynamic, interactive journey through time. Hours are 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Monday - Friday). Admission is free, but donations are greatly appreciated.

Two-hour FREE parking is available around the square with unlimited parking available in the public parking lots.

For more information call (352) 341-6428 or visit the website at [www.citruscountyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.citruscountyhistoricalsociety.org). The Old Courthouse Heritage Museum is funded in part by Citrus County Government, the Citrus County Historical Society Inc., and the generous donations from residents of Citrus County.

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